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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEW WITH MAKARIOS  
BY ERIC SILVER, DATELINED NICOSIA MARCH 20, CARRIED IN  
MARCH 21 GUARDIAN:

BEGIN QUOTE: ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THE  
FIRST TIME THIS WEEKEND THAT A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE  
2000,000 GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES WOULD CHOOSE NOT TO RE-  
TURN TO THEIR HOMES UNDER TURKISH ADMINISTRATION IF A  
FEDERAL SOLUTION WAS NEGOTIATED IN THE VIENNA PEACE  
TALKS ON MARCH 31.

THE ARCHBISHOP TOLD ME DURING AN INTERVIEW: "SINCE  
THE RETURN OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO THEIR  
HOMES WOULD BE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, AND THOSE WHO CHOSE  
NOT TO GO BACK WOULD BE COMPENSATED, MY VIEW IS THAT A  
RATHER SMALL NUMBER WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO BACK."

THIS STATEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT. AND APPARENTLY CAL-  
CULATED, STEP IN THE DELICATE PROCESS OF PERSUADING THE  
GREEK COMMUNITY TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES PRODUCED BY THE  
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TURKISH INVASIONS OF JULY AND AUGUST. 1974, THOUGH  
WITHOUT SURRENDERING TO A PARTITION OF THE ISLAND.  
IN REPLY TO A FURTHER QUESTION. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS  
ESTIMATED THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE TENTH OF GREEK REFUGEES  
WOULD RETURN TO THE TURKISH ZONE. I ASKED IF THAT MEANT  
THERE WOULD BE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM ABOUT EVICTING TURKISH  
CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM THE SOUTH FROM GREEK-OWNED HOUSES

IN THE NORTH: "THERE WOULD NOT BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM," HE INSISTED, THOUGH "A GREAT NUMBER" OF GREEKS WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THEIR HOUSES IN AN AREA EVACUATED BY THE TURKS AND RESTORED TO GREEK ADMINISTRATION.

"IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE." HE ADDED, "PERHAPS WE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO LONG NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SAY THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON TERRITORY, OR OFFER TO RETURN ONLY TWO OR THREE PERCENT, THEN I DON'T SEE ANY NEED TO DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES."

PRESIDENT MAKARIOS ENDED A WEEK OF RUMORS AND DENIALS BY CONFIRMING THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR, MR. TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, WOULD TAKE A MAP TO VIENNA. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHICH AREAS IN THE MAP HE WOULD SHADE FOR RETURN TO THE GREEKS, HE CHUCKLED: "WE WOULD REDUCE SUBSTANTIVELY THE AREA UNDER OCCUPATION." HE DID EXPECT THE AREAS USUALLY MENTIONED IN THIS CONTEXT--VAROSHA (THE NEW TOWN OF FAMAGUSTA, WHICH COULD HOUSE AS MANY AS 60,000 REFUGEES) AND THE VILLAGE AROUND MORPHOU IN THE NORTHWEST--TO BE AMONG THE AREAS TO BE RETURNED.

THE TURKISH FAILURE TO POPULATE VAROSHA WAS "AN INDICATION THAT IN A FINAL AGREEMENT VAROSHA WILL BE RETURNED TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS." THE ARCHBISHOP WAS CAUTIOUS, HOWEVER, WHEN I ASKED WHETHER A TURKISH REFUSAL WOULD CAUSE THE TALKS TO BREAK DOWN.

"NO, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF VAROSHA," HE SAID. END  
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2. SILVER INTERVIEW CONTINUES THAT MAKARIOS EXPRESSED "RESERVED OPTIMISM" ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR VIENNA. IN REMAINDER OF ARTICLE, SILVER QUOTES FROM FOUR-POINT "TEXT OF INSTRUCTIONS" FOR THE NEGOTIATORS, AND GIVES ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS FROM MAKARIOS ON GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: "ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, OUR POSITION IS THAT THE AREA WHICH WILL COME UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH COMMUNITY SHOULD BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND PRODUCTION, AND ALSO THE POPULATION RATIO...WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT A CONFEDERATION OR A DISGUISED CONFEDERATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO PARTITION...THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE CURRENCY, DEFENSE, FOREIGN POLICY, AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS, AND CONTROL OF IMMIGRATION".

3. FULL TEXT POUCHED ADDRESSEES.

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